

# PRELIMINARY REPORT

## 2015: E9 – *Jack Road*

**APPLICANT:** Harris County Engineering Department

**KEY MAP:** 365

**JURISDICTION:** Harris County

**LAMBERT:** 4366

**DISTRICT/PRECINCT:**

Harris County Pct.: 3

### **PROPOSAL:**

Harris County is requesting the deletion of Major Thoroughfare Jack Road, between Peek Road and Mason Road, from the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP). The Major Thoroughfare is currently classified with 4 lanes and a 100-foot right-of-way (T-4-100).

### **APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:**

The applicant contends that this amendment should be considered because the completion of the Grand Parkway Segment E in 2013 did not provide for frontage roads or an overpass at this location. This would result in a dead end road on either side of the Grand Parkway. Therefore, a Major Thoroughfare for a one mile segment on either side of the Grand Parkway is not practical at this location.

Jack Road crosses the 100-year floodplain and the Cypress Creek floodway between Peek Road and the Grand Parkway. The applicant states that it is unlikely that development will occur between these limits because of the permitting requirements for development and high flood insurance rates in a 100-year floodplain. Adequate circulation will be maintained by parallel roadways because there is a planned interchange at Bridgelands Lake Parkway as well as existing overpasses at Louetta Road and Mound Road at the Grand Parkway.

A road and public right-of-way (ROW) does not exist for this segment on the MTFP.

The applicant also states that if no action is taken on this amendment, it is unlikely that any development will occur on Jack Road on the east or west side of the Grand Parkway being that ROW dedication would be required for a road which goes to nowhere in a floodplain.

Jack Road first appeared on the MTFP in 1972 as an extension of Spring-Cypress Road that terminated at Hempstead Hwy. In 1997, the limits of Jack Road changed, which created a gap in the corridor between Mason and Westgreen Road. Jack Road began at Mason Road westward to the Waller County line which is current on today's MTFP.